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Re: File Closure Request, UMETCO Minerals Corp., Deremo-Peterson Mine, M/037/025, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bates:

On May 1, 2002, Doug Jensen and I inspected the Deremo-Peterson Mine with you and Frank Barnett for the purpose of determining whether the site meets the vegetation criteria for release. The attached report discusses what we found at the mine as well as the nearby Calliham and Wilson-Silverbell Mines.

As explained in the inspection report, vegetation at the Deremo-Peterson Mine does not meet the requirements of R647-4-13.11. The north slope of the waste pile has adequate desirable vegetation, but the top of the pile and the other slopes do not. We recognize that the area has suffered from a drought for the past few years but believe it should be possible to achieve 70 percent of the cover found in nearby undisturbed areas.

The inspection report discusses possible techniques you might use in reseeded the area. Please feel free to contact me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Senior reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Inspection report with photos
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